

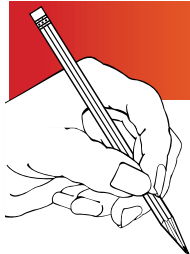


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WELCOME



A note from the Community Lay Director, Marybeth Grambo

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." John 13:34

The Spring Walks are about to Begin! God is on the Move!!

Not only that...this month we will intentionally celebrate and proclaim the LOVE Jesus speaks of in John 13:34; the ultimate act of love as we come together for our Resurrection Sunday services. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love. God's love poured out on us in Holy Spirit, who lives in us. Jesus' LOVE, In US!!...Love that suffers long, is kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not rude, not selfish, not provoked, thinks no evil, doesn't rejoice in sin and stumbling, rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love that never fails. (1Corinthians 13:4-8)

But I know that I don't always love like I have the power to love. Holy Spirit in me gives me what I need to love just like Paul described. But sometimes I don't. Sometimes I choose to step away from that power in me. What I love MOST about Jesus is that He tells me He'll always be there, to give me His hand, and pull me from the sin which so quickly ensnares us. He'll wash my feet and set me on His path once again. To LOVE, as He loves.

I realize that I cannot do that on my own. I need Christ, yes. AND I need fellow Christians to pray with me, remind me of the power of God in me and then encourage me to reach out to Christ. I have a group of sisters in Christ who love me so deeply and celebrate when they see me cling only to Jesus. With these sisters I share study of scripture, prayers of need & praise and true hugs. They are a present manifestation of Christ's love in my world and I'm so thankful for them!

Do you have such a group of Christians in your life? I'm praying that each of you are richly blessed through deep, faithful, Christ-filled relationships that challenge you and grow you to rely only on He who LIVED LOVE fully, so that you can LIVE LOVE as the testimony of your transformed heart. If you need help finding such a group, please reach out to us on the board. **For those of you sponsoring pilgrims**

on these Spring Walks; please help each of them to get plugged in to a small group that keeps them close to the fire of Jesus.

I'm thankful for this community of Christ Lovers...for the abundance of loving and faithful hearts, joyfully serving Christ and LIVING LOVE with their brothers and sisters.

I hope to see you all at Candlelight on April 22nd. Let's light up the room with our hearts before the candles even start.

LIVE LOVE! DECOLORES and FLY WITH CHRIST!!

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WEEKENDS

Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,

The Spring walks are right around the corner. The teams of TW-113 and TW-114 are coming together quickly and they can't wait to serve the pilgrims. The joy they all have being the hands and feet of Christ is overwhelming. Please make plans to attend as many of the weekend events as you can. Remember how fantastic you felt on your walk when you looked out and saw the face of Christ everywhere you turned. Let's give the pilgrims of TW-113 and TW-114 the same amazing experience. The men's candlelight will be Saturday, April 22nd and the women's candlelight will be Saturday, May 6th. Both will start at 7:30. Closing for the men will be Sunday, April 23rd and the women's closing will be Sunday, May 7th. Closing events start at 4:00.

I also wanted to send a big "THANK-YOU" to those who have volunteered their time to assist on the remodel of the Burton Chapel at Hope Haven. The room is looking great and we hope to be ready to have it available when the walks take place. Please keep the project in your prayers and also those who are making this project a success. Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday, April 22nd as we get ready to show the pilgrims how much we love them and how much God loves them.

DECOLORES!!!

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A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

There is no denying that the Walk to Emmaus offers a personal experience of God's grace. The goal of the Walk is more than personal. One of the goals is to empower Christian leaders. The Walk to Emmaus empowers you to go and be a Christian leader in your church, community, and world. Lately, I have had several conversations where people on their fourth day were bemoaning the ills of their church or the shortcomings of their pastor. There is no judgment for those complaints because we all need a place to vent. However, the conversations got me to thinking . . .

What are we, people in our fourth day, doing for our local church? Did we take our Emmaus experience and use it to help our own congregation, or did we keep it for ourselves? Did we step out further in leadership, or did our own church have no evidence of our Walk to Emmaus experience? As the saying goes, we are either part of the problem or part of the solution.

I'm not suggesting that we are all made for the same type of leadership roles. We need people to lead from many positions in a congregation. Leadership is not just holding a specific position or chairing a committee. Leadership can be leading by example. Leadership can be beginning a practice in the church. Leadership can be filling a need in your church. Here are some of the things that came to my mind:

Is your church prayer-conditioned? We pray over chairs, beds, and just about everything to prepare a place and people for the experience they will have. Do you prayer-condition your church's sanctuary? Do you invite a couple of people to help you?

Do you prayer for your pastor? No pastor is perfect, and some pastors feel very isolated. If you pray for your pastor, does your pastor know? Do you make an appointment to pray for your pastor with your pastor?

One of the great experiences of Emmaus is the fellowship and personal sharing. How are you facilitating this in your local church? Can you start or join a small group? Do you have spiritual friends in your local church? Can you invite some people into a fellowship experience?

Your local church needs your spiritual, emotional, and practical help. You have been empowered to do the work of God's kingdom here on earth. A part of that empowerment is seeing a need and providing for that need. I am praying that your eyes will be opened to the need as well as ways to help meet the need because Christ is counting on you.

Dr. Sandi Benton Plasters
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SPRING WALKS

TW113 Men's Walk, April 20-23, 2017 at Hope Haven
TW114 Women's Walk, May 4-7, 2017 at Hope Haven

T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts, T-Shirts, Get Your T-Shirts here.

Hear Ye - Hear Ye - Now that I have your attention, I am selling Tie Dye T-Shirts with the Tidewater Emmaus logo on the shirt. I will have them at the opening ceremony of the Men's & Women's

walks. Please see me and get your T-Shirt. T-Shirts cost \$20 for S, M, L & XL, and \$21 for 2XL & 3XL. We also ordered a 5X shirt for someone who wanted it which will cost you \$23. We take cash, checks and credit cards through CloverGo.



Charlotte Carroll
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FINANCE

This is your quarterly report of our finances for Tidewater Emmaus as of February 28, 2017:

QUARTERLY REPORT

Available Funds	\$9,038.46
Walk Deposits – Restricted	\$24,975.45
Bill Baker Fund – Restricted	\$2,810.00
Total	\$36,823.91

YEAR TO DATE

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Comments</u>
T-Shirt Sales	\$221.35	\$250.25	
Bill Baker Fund	\$300	\$200	Balance \$2,810
Gatherings	\$257.08		
Just Give Donations	\$530		
Weekend Expenses	\$7,691	\$600	ALDL-TW113/114
Sponsorship/Pilgrim Fees	\$17,066		
Gathering Expenses		\$58.99	Plates, Cups, Silverware
TW113/114 Costs		\$2,200	Initial Deposit
Operational Costs		\$341.99	Insurance, legal, Website Renewal



We now have a **PayeezySM** button through **Bank of America** on the website which replaces the Just Give Button. The good news is that you will not be charged an extra fee for using this **PayeezySM** button. We will only be taking Visa, MasterCard and Debit Cards at this time.



We are also going to be using **CloverGo** which is an Card Reader attachment on my phone which enables us to be able to swipe, or if you have a chip insert, your credit card to pay for T-Shirts, Teaming Fees, Sponsorship Fees and so on.

Any questions feel free to email me at
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DECOLORES!!!

Charlotte Carroll, TW97, Director of Finance



Happy Easter

DODU

TW113 AND TW114 SPONSORS!!

Your List isn't complete till you check, "Attended DoDU with my Pilgrim"!!

A part of your commitment to your pilgrim is to attend (with your pilgrim) the Day of Deeper Understanding training sessions offered by the Community after the walk.

We go over all the essentials of passing on the gift of Emmaus through sponsorship, teaming, accountability groups and agape.

This is a VERY IMPORTANT step in our life of Grace. To hold us all accountable to our "yes" on the weekend!!

Matthew 7:14 Jesus said, "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it"

Currently we have two scheduled for after the current walks. (If we need a 3rd date on a weekend, please email and let us know!!)

So, please Mark Your Calendar!! Come Join us for the final piece of TW113 and TW114's journey!

DODU (Day of Deeper Understanding Sessions)

Thursday May 11th and Saturday, June 3rd

LOCATIONS being planned at press time! Keep Checking the Tidewater Emmaus Website for details!
www.tidewateremmaus.org

Questions? Email us at twesponsorship@gmail.com or twecontinuity@gmail.com

See Y' All at the DoDU!!

OUTREACH

Attention: PRAYER VIGIL IS NOT WORKING

Over the last two months we have been trying to get our prayer vigil set up for the spring walks. As was the case with the fall walks we have not been getting a timely response from the operator of the current web site we have been using for years. In light of these issues we have decide to go with a new provider for this service.

We are currently working to set up the prayer vigils with the new provider. This may take a couple days to get it up and running. Please check back with our web site, we will post a notice on the main page when the prayer vigil is operational. We apologize for the inconvenience. Of course we all know that with God's help all things are possible and He will lead us to where he wants us to be. So thank you for your patience in these trying times.

DECOLORES!!!

Preston Best, TW-88

Director of Community Outreach/WEBMASTER

SPONSORSHIP



God's blessings are raining down upon our community! Praises, Praises, Praises for God's love for His people! TW1113 has 28 confirmed men with apps for 6 more to be confirmed this week. TW114 has 40 confirmed women. The deadline for applications is April 6. There are still openings on the men's (TW113) weekend. When we Fully Rely On God... FROG we are showered with His blessings!

DECOLORES!!!

Lynn Hollandsworth

GATHERINGS

Jesus, Jesus can I tell you how I feel? You have given me your spirit I love you so.

Yes! It is that time of the year!! The Gathering this month is at Hope Haven, 3000 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA, [DIRECTIONS](#)

You may get to Hope Haven no earlier than 7:15 p.m. The Gathering will begin at 7:30 Candlelight will be on God's time usually around 9 p.m.

Come! Remember! Come and Remember and Celebrate the Joy you experienced at your Candlelight! Not a lot of colors but wear your name tags and cross, save your colors for Closing on the 23rd at 4 p.m.!!!

No pot luck but lots of joy, joy, joy!! Oh, yes, we will also have a lot of singing!!

See y'all at Hope Haven, 3000 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA on April 22nd at 7:15 p.m.!

DECOLORES!!!

Greg Reinhart, TW94

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AGAPE

1 Peter 4:10-11 New International Version (NIV)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Here's a little agape from me to all of you!

Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? There a lot of websites out there that will lead you to fine out your gifts. Below is one of the sites I was looking at, all you have to do is click on it and the site will walk you through your gifts! Have fun!

www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcf_pdf_discover_your_spiritual_gifts.pdf

Thanks to all that have blessed the pilgrims and teamers with loving agape items! I can surely feel the love you spent making these precious tokens of love! Please, keep them coming! We could use, bracelets, (that's my favorite!) men could use lanyards for their name tags, if anyone has that talent! We also need lanyards for the ladies, come on all you creative folks that like to work with beads, show us the love!

Here is another little message for you: **God loves you so much! He never wants you to forget that! He is always, always with you! Stop worrying, god has it, he wants you to praise him and let him do his work! It is not meant for us to worry ourselves over anything! Trust our father to do it for us.**



In His Service and with Love,

DECOLORES!!!

Penny Best, TW97

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COMMUNICATIONS

I have had a lot of questions lately of what the Holy Spirit wants in me..

I get frustrated as to why would anyone question what the Holy Spirit asks of me or anyone else.

I do all things through God who strengthens me. I live by that and I know without a shadow of a doubt that he is with me constantly. I listen for his directions, pray for his strength and wisdom and follow what I truly believe is his direction in all I do.

So, Why do we doubt God's ability in others? Why do we question others' decisions? I have done it too and then I have to ask God for forgiveness because I know in the back of my mind that he has things under control.

So many times we have things planned out in our minds as to how things should go and then God starts making changes and we freak out. Because we cannot see God's plans or we do not like changes.

Well that's just when God will mix things up. He likes keeping us on our toes. He likes us to be dependent on him for his vision and not our own. He wants us to be Flexible. Our favorite teaming word.

So now I would like to issue everyone a challenge. Not an Ice bucket challenge. Something less cold but it may be harder.

When God throws a wrench into the plans instead of complaining, ask how can we use the "wrench" to bring us closer to Him.

When we get angry, rushed or frustrated, why not stop and pray and ask God to help. Don't lash out for no reason. It only takes a second to pray "God Help Me". Then take a deep breath listen for His reply.

And when things don't go as we thought they should, stop and ask God what are the Marvelous Plans he has in store for us. Then be open to whatever his plans are.

It's human nature to want things our way and not be happy when change comes.

We let our human minds overrule our Christian Spirit. We are Christians; Jesus said others would know we believed in Him by how we love. We are not suppose to get angry or lash out. But we all know how hard that is sometimes.

We are not perfect but if we practice more to let God control these things then the Christian Spirit will then become our human nature.

So I am doing my own challenge ... to let Christ's Spirit rule over my human nature. I pray that you will join me.

DECOLORES!!!

Bonnie Dailey, AE42

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2017 TWE BOARD

We would like to announce the new email addresses we are using in an effort to better serve the community.

The old yahoo emails are still operational but we would like to encourage all future contact with the board be made thru gmail so that we may better keep track and organization of all correspondence. Thank you.

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...transformed into his likeness with everlasting glory... II Cor 3:18

Currently The Chrysalis Board is still digesting the feedback from the last January Flights. We have much to do to keep improving the process of each Flight.

We welcome feedback from the community so that we may be better prepared each year. It is our "off season" so to speak. Make no mistake that we are very busy planning for our next flight in January 2018 and for the summer Rush events. We are focused on the next TWE Spring Walks because without a strong Emmaus Community we don't have a fighting chance to give teenagers the opportunity to Fly on Chrysalis.

We are working hard to keep the 43 new Butterflies involved in the community. Please continue to pray for them as they live out their Fourth Day. I know some of them are sponsoring adults this Spring and that is a great sign for a healthy community. I hope to see you at Hope Haven!

Fly With Christ

Johnny Nelson TW-74
Chrysalis Lay Director

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Get Your
Chrysalis
T-Shirts.**



T-Shirts will be available at Gatherings or contact any Chrysalis Board Rep.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 22, 2017 - Men's Candlelight at Hope Haven
3000 North Landing Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23502

May 6, 2017 - Women's Candlelight at Hope Haven
3000 North Landing Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23502

May 20, 2017 - Gathering at Great Bridge UMC
201 Stadium Dr. Chesapeake, VA

Emmaus Team Cannon

It's Not about Me!

I am a member of an Emmaus Team; therefore, I am only one part of a complete being.

I am an imperfect earthen vessel, and I am blessed to be here in a servant's role.

I will serve in humility and gratitude for the opportunity to be here, and will remember that the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control in all things.

I will pray for submission to the Spirit of this weekend and for strength and commitment to be God's person rather than my own person during these days.

I will remember that I am here only as an instrument through which God can work to renew His church.

I am here only by God's grace; I am here only so that He might work His mighty acts through me.

I will lift up other team members and pilgrims in prayer and ask our Lord to strengthen them and open their eyes so that we all might recognize Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

I will not over-state or over-emphasize my role by any word or deed.

I will not glorify myself; I will not glorify any other team member; nor allow another to glorify me!

I will remember that the pilgrims are the main reason for my presence and my prayers.

I will remember at all times that I am less important than any other person on this weekend.

In all things, I will accept and be obedient the authority and discipline under which I serve.

I have no authority or responsibility except to obey God and respond to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever passions and excitement seize me, I will express through joyful praise to God, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

I will give God all the glory for whatever happens during this weekend.

I will raise my voice only to praise God and will bow my head in reverence and submission to God!

I am only a servant; but God can use me more powerfully in this role than in any other role I might choose!

I am a member of an Emmaus team; In all things this weekend I shall pray that Christ will be lifted up.